WICHITA, KANSAS, FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25, 1898

Chairman O'Rouke Thinks He Sniffs Victory.

IF FREE HOMES CARRIES

Everybody Will be For Cal-Iahan, He Says.

HE CHUCKLES TO HIMSELF

Over Alleged Republican Hard Luck .. Fusion Likely to be Lopsided, Though,

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 34 .- (Special.)-Hon. Jerry O. Rourks of El Reno, chairman of the Democratic territorial central committee, is in the city on private business and incidentally feeling the Democratic pulse as it throbs and beats at the | Major Baldwin's country. He says it is Fia., on the Montgomery, from a trip to territorial capital. Contrary to report, shameful the way the trees are being Mr. O Rourke has no fixed idea as to slaughtered in that section. The finest when he will call the territorial committee together, and he does not deem the political situation so urgent as to necessitute such a meeting for a month or two

As to the much-discussed question of a fusion of all the free-sliver forces of the right to do it, and the trunks are hauled, territory for the next campaign, the success or non-success of the movement will where they are sawed up in the saw mill shield tomorrow. depend largely upon the outcome of the for private building timber. Populist conference at Kingfisher next Friday. Personally, Mr. O'Rourke favors another fusion and he claims that the Democratic party is with him in this sentiment, with the possible exception of Cleveland, Pottawatomic and Greer counties, where the political feeling is decidedly against having any connection with

the Populists. Regarding the possibility of a Democrat receiving the fusion nomination for delegate to congress, Mr. O'Rourke does not express even a cordial hope, especially should the free homes bill become a law. in which event, he claims, Callahan would receive practically the unanimous endorsement of all the parties. He expects things for next fall's campaign

from the present free homes agitation. "Any way you figure," he chuckled. "the Republicans are bound to be put in a hole for an issue next fall. If the bill passes the lower house of congress, Calis bound to get the credit, and should it be defeated the record will show that the Republicans in congress are re-

The story has been repeated may times. with more or less positive emphasis, that crat for delegate, and the active cam- powerless to stop such depredations.

CHECKED THE WRONG TRUNK Baggagesmaster Plays Smash With the Governor's Wife's Plans. Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs

Barnes and daughter, Miss Bessie, did not start for Chicago this morning to join the governor as they intended. Last night Mrs. Barnes, not knowing definitely how long she would be absent, parked the large family trunk with the more valuable articles of apparel and sent the trunk to the Santa Fa station to be checked to Chicago. This morning when the ladies repaired to the station to take the train, nothing was to be seen of the trunk. The buggage man, when appealed to, recalled the fact that last night, bust before the departure of the midnight train for the south, a young woman came to him and asked to have her trunk checked to Paris. Texas, at the same time pointing t the trunk belonging to Mrs. Harnes Without pausing to make an examination the laggage man handed over to the young woman the brass token of owner ship and hustled the trunk into the bug it came steeming into the station. When the substitution of the trunks becam known telegrams were sent to the trai officials to held the trunk, but no answer was received, and it is feared that the young woman, if theft be her object was bright enough to leave the train at some intermediate station and prevail the baggage man to drop the trunk off the train. The trunk is plainly marked with Governor Barnes' name and its \$500. Santa Fe Detective Al Hixon went south this afternoon to search for the

WESTERN OKLAHOMA BAR

the West Side. andward, O. T., Peb. 24 - (Special)-The members of the bar of Western Oklaboma will meet at Woodward, March I to organize the "Western Oklahoma Bar association." The counties interested in this movement are Woods. Woodward Beaver, Roger Mills, Day, D. Greer an posibly Custer. They will adeveate that a senarate district, composed of these counties, he made and that it shall be

The Hon. A. G. Cunningham will doubt district and one of the most noted Re- official amenities by sending in his resigpublican lawyers in Westren Chiahoma. | nation.

He is an old soldler, a strong administration man and his services, both to his country and his party will doubtless re sleve this reward, as until now he has never sought or asked for anything. Those who are at the head of this move ment are very strongly in favor of the

appointment of Cunningham as judge. TO PROMOTE CORN-EATING President Morrow Will Assist in the

Good Work.
Stillwater, O. T., Feb. 24.-(Sepecial)-President and Director Morrow of the Agricultural college and experiment station has been elected a member for Oklahoma of the executive committee of the recently organized American maize propaganda, the object of which is to promote the larger use of Indian corn in the United States and foreign countries and to develop further the possibilities of the corn plant. Encouragement to the larger use of corn as food for man, its larger use for food for animals in foreign countries and development of new uses of the plant are the chief things aimed at. It is purposed to make an extended exhibit of corn and its products at the Omaha exosition, with a large cooking school itustrating methods of preparing corn as food, and to have a more extended exhibit of the same class at the World's exposition in Paris in 1900.

BAD, BUT CAN'T BE HELPED

What Indian Agents Say of Reserva-

tion Timber-Stealing. El Reno, O. T., Feb. 24.—(Special)—Mr. C. A. Bannister, of this city, took a trip with the Choctaw surveyors down into trees, walnut, oak and cottonwood, are The secretar's comment was simply being felled and left on the ground after this: the body of the tree is hauled away. On "Co Deer creek, in the Caddo country, the largest trees are being ruthlessly cut may wise down by choppers, who have no legal the navy. sometimes twelve miles to Wellsford.

The Eagle correspondent submitted the

"I can say that I am aware that timber is being cut, but with all my efforts with such assistance as I can get from the marshals. I have not been able to stop it Captain Fossett has been over the route frequently and while he sees evidence of the cutting he has not for some time been able to detect the parties. The United States marshals and courts are as much in fault as I am in this matter. We know after many years of experience along and on reservations, whether military or Indian, that the ordinary man living near feels he is an outraged citizen if he can't cut timber or do anything else he may wish thereon.

Major Baldwin has on several occasions reported the cutting of timber, but he is powerless to stop it unless more officers are sent into that section of the country. His reservation extends over many miles and it is utterly impossible for any man to keep track of the doings thereon without a force to work with. Marshal The free homes matter is now Thompson can not, with the force of men in such shape that it cannot be disposed he has at hand, look over the territory of of without a direct vote which will put all Oklahoma and that part of the Indian terthe parties on record, and no matter how ritory attached, for judicial purposes. He the Republicans vote on the question they is only allowed twelve men for both and are bound to help out the fusion cause in it has been proven that his force is inade-

While the Cheyennes and Arapahoes

paign which Judge Tom Lowe made in The special agent sent from Washington that goes from wreck to the United behalf of Callaban was cited as a proof to superintend the leasing of grazing lands States should be disinfected. Wrecking that such an agreement existed, with the at Anadarko, is reported as saying: "Of company should provide for this. Sur further understanding that Lowe was to nineteen cattlemen who have heretofore geon of the Maine after consulting with receive Callahan's support in securing been extensive lessors of these lands, not others recommended that all bedding and the nomination. Mr. O'Rourke, on being one submitted a bid. All bids received clothing should be abandoned. Might go asked if such an agreement had been from local parties are of doubtful respon- to acclimated poor. Useless fittings and made positively denied any knowledge of sibility." Major Haldwin was not present equipments might be towed to sea and ft, claiming that if such was the case he at the leasing of the lands and knew noth- thrown overbeard. Will take all immediwould probably know something of the ing of what the bids were going to be, ate responsibility, but invite department's ads and advertise for more.

> row, and enter upon his duties as chief ustice next Saturday.

Hou, J. J. O'Rourk took a trip to Guthrie sition. today. It is rumored that the ex-major went to Guthrie for the express purpose of getting the class together for a vigorous campaign next fall. Fusion is not the foregone conclusion that it was a few

weeks ago. Extensive war preparations are going on at Fort Reno. Every spring the government posts throughout the country are polished in fine shape, but this year the work has commenced sooner than usual. The war at Fort Reno is against dirt. ltoads leading into the post are being put in fine condition and the buildings are being brushed up. The war in Cuba does not seem to affect Fort Reno.

REGISTER CROOK RESIGNS

Usual Speculation as to Successor is Rife at Guthrie.

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 21.-(Special.)-A. office, has sent in his resignation to the get out of the way of Charley Kneisley. wreck in order to get at what is more who is credited with similar aspirations. valuable beneath re-inferred by a powerful Washington | Captain Sigsbee's statement that the Nathaniel McKsy, a very wealthy Wash- and forward four days, gave the may ests in Guthrie. Mr. McKay is reputed time that the divers had been in the vitors and government officials and so he has termed it. and but little trouble in having his sonin-law sent here as chairman of the The statement in the Stabee dispatch supposed to carry with it a salary of \$7 that "friends of the dead should underper day, but the occupant "gets that stand that we are in the tropics" is under amount when he gots it." In other words aroud at the navy department to relate the office has to pay salaries from fees to the urgent pleas of relatives of the carned. Mr. Kneisley promptly informed dead that they be brought to the United his wealthy father-in-law of his official States. These appeals continue to be replight and suggested that if the plan ceived here and while they excite the then on foot to bring the Guthrie land deepest sympathy of the officials, no hope office up to the maximum salary basis by can be held out that the dead can be known as the Western district. They will the addition of territory from the Perry brought back. One of these appeals also ask that a western man, a resident and Oklahoma City land districts proved makes a pitiful plea against the burying where the other officers and men will be of the district, be appointed as presiding successful he would like to succeed Judge of the dead "by allen hands in an allen caumined, Crook as register. This is the reputed story of his intentions when he was subsequently appointed special land agent, of the association, for the reason that he nil the place only until such time as Reg. ment has not been wanting in a desire to far as justilis in advance of the arrival. Mr. Spooner said that the primary pow- where he delivers an address.

Really no Fresh News Since Sigsbee's First Message.

WHY NO DEAD ARE SHIPPED

Washington Safe if War Comes--Naval Militia.

Washington, Feb. 24.-Rumors of startling discoveries in the wreck of the Maine were less frequent, but there were enough of them still afloat today to warrant Secretary Long in making this statement to 4.465. the newspaper men as he left his office: Summing up the situation, I should say

that the navy department today knows nothing more about the cause of the disaster than it did five minutes after the receipt of the first dispatch from Captain

The secretary's attention was drawn to the published statement that Captain Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, had just arrived at Tampa, Cuba, where he had been inspecting prospective coaling stations near Matanzas.

"Cartain Crowninshield has not been to Cuba. He has been off on matters not in uny wise connected with the business of

rather expected to see Captain Crownin-

MEANWHILE, THE WRECKING. Until the conclusion of the investigation of the court of inquiry at Havana, the principal business of the navy department in connection with the Mnine relates to the conduct of the wrecking operations. Captain Lemly, the judge advocate general, who has this branch of the work immediately in charge, today received telegrams from the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company at New York, stating that the steamer Merritt and the wrecking lighter Sharpe had sailed for Havana chief, would leave New York Saturday for the same place. The assistant wrecking master was going to Havana on the Ward line steamer Saturday, and it was suggested to the department that its inspector should take the same steamer. Inasmuch as Lleutenant-Commander Kimball, who is now at Havana, has been assigned to the duty of inspecting the the ships of an enemy would be blown wrecking operations, it will not be necessary to observe this suggestion.

SIGSBEE'S REPORT. The only exact informatison received by the navy department from Havana during the day was conveyed in Captain Sigsbee's telegram as follows:

"Loug, Secretary of the Navy-Wrecking tug Right Arm arrived yesterday. Begins work today. Much encumbering metal must be blasted away in detail. Navy divers sent down aft seven days, were in at the Darlington agency receiv. forward four days. Bodies of Jenkius two years ago there was an agreement ing their interest money, jumber and farm and Merritt not found. Two unidentified bodies of the crew found yesterday. Afto the effect that if the Demorats would implements were stoled from their homes, bodies of the crew found yesterday. Afrelinguish their claims and permit the Major Woodson is not notified of the theft ter compartment filled with detached. nomination of a Populist for delegate to of anything from the Indians who live broken and buoyant furniture and fitcongress, the Populists two years later of the line of the railroad. As in the case tings, mud and confusion. Spanish au-would support the nomination of a Demo- of Major Baldwin, Major Woodson is therities continue offers of assistance and care for wounded and dead. Everything From advices received this morning by wishes. Shall old metal of superstructure the Eagle correspondent, it is almost safe | and like be saved? Friends of dead should state the government will cancel all understand that we are in the tropics. Captain Chawdick charged with all mat-Judge Burford tells the Eagle man be ters relative to the dead. His conduct is hances are he will go to Guthrie tomor- are being printed, but the intensively active representatives of the press here have been very considerate of me and my po-

> "SIGSBEE" RECOMMENDATIONS AGREED TO. Secretary Long immediately answered Captain Sigsbee, approving all his recommendations. He was directed to have Lieutenant Wainwright, the executive of-

everything sent to the United States.

time next month. J. J. Boles, a local as- statement that much blasting will be repirant, has been the most active of the quired to clear away encumbering materandidates for this particular place, and int indicates that it is essential further has not even manifested a disposition to to destroy the upper portions of the

ncisley is the son-in-law of divers have been down aft seven days ngtonian, who owns large property inter- department the first information of the e wield a wide influence with the sen- civity of the "zone of the explosion" as

NO DEAD CAN BE SENT HOME.

There are circumstances which, if they the understanding being that he would appeals and would show that the departis one of the ablest lawyers in the new total crock should prove himself equal to bring the remains to this country. There af other tags with better facilities for er to dil sents in the senate from any Receiver Trumboul of the facilities for circumstances have been withheld, main-(ly through a desire to save friends and

caused by a full disclosure of the effect of the explosion. The press reports have given in part the terrible mutilation of he bodies, but it is feard this has not been fully realized by friends and reis-The men were sleeping on the berth deck, with metal floors and ceilings, which, by the force of the terrific explo-

sion, were ground together "no a cor fused mass. Knowing this, were is little hope that many of the bodies still missing will be found, or if found, that they will be in a condition to be brought to the United States.

NAVAL MILITIA STRENGTH. The navy department today gave out the figures showing the strength of the total force of 1.445 officers and enlisted men, which is a gratifying increase from the 1.700 shown by the report. The number of officers and men by states is as follows: California, 206; Connecticut, 165; Florida, 188; Georgia, 225; Hillinois, 525; Louisiana, 252; Maryland, 240; Nassachusetts, 441; Michigan, 193; New Jersey, 364; New York, 472; North Carolina, 23); Ohio, 216; Pennsylvania, 216; Rhode Island, 100; South Carolina, 152; Virginia, 44; total,

NEW BRIGADES FORMING.

Aside from the forces shown in the The organization of this auxiliary arm of the naval service is under the immediate irection of Lieutenant Gibbons, U. S. N., whose energy has accomplished much in securing state organization and in the harmonizing of the bodies into one compact force, capable, in emergency, of cooperating with the regular army. In his ast report. Assistant Secretary Rooserelt said that the state naval militia, in the event of a sudden emergency, could be utilized at once for manning the smaller naval cruisers. It could be depended upon mainly, he said, as a second line of defense, and also be used in placing mines and the establishment of signal stations Secretary Long further said that he for coast defense.

The appropriation of \$50,000 made by congress to aid the work of the naval militia will be apportioned among the

WASHINGTON IS SAFE.

Thanks to the promptness and efficiency of the chief of engineers and the chief of ordinance of the army, the city of Washington is now regarded as now being well nigh safe and secure from attack by water. The fortifications at Fort Washington and Sheridan Point, on the opposite side of the Potomac, are sufficienty advanced to be able to repel an ordinary fleet of invaders, and in case of necesand that the tug Underwriter, with the sity they could be vastly strengthened in a comparatively short time. These defenses are considered sufficient to keep all hostile vessels beyond the range of gunshot of the national capital.

Moreover, the river has been blocked off and prepared for mines and torpedoes at a point below the fortifications already ntioned, so that it is probable some of out of the water before it would be necessary to use the guns of the forts.

The officers of the British battleship Hood today cabled from the Island of aster to the Maine

WAR AGITATORS REBUKED Mr. Boutelle Says They are Worse Than Incendiaries.

Washington, Feb. 24.-Representative Boutelle, chairman of the house commit- of order. tee on naval affairs, conferred with Secretary Long again today. Mr. Boutelle an amendment was adopted appropriating said that his visit was confined wholly to \$8,300 for the Yosemite National park, the question of relief to the sufferers of California. the Maine. The bill which he has pre- After completing thirty pages of the carry about \$167.000 if passed in its present form. It has been suggested, however, that a general law was local or special acts by territorial legisla-passed in 1895, under which relief may be tion and to limit territorial indebtedness given for the actual loss suffered by those | was passed. the naval service in case of disaster. special relief extended to the Maine suf-How far this general law will affect the ferers has not yet been determined, but in any event it will convey only the octua loss of clothing, etc., while the relief measure is designed to give a bulk allowance conivalent to twelve months' pay Mr. Boutelle stated that his call had nothing to do with the question of new ships and naval equipment to be provided by Gregon under appointment of the goverthe naval appropriation hill now in course of preparation under his chairmanship, argument in favor of seating Mr. Corbett,

match to the powder magazine of a ves- (Neb.) to appoint a committee of five sensel. This is a time for the calmest judg- ators to investigate the Cuban situation without basis of established fact, of a laid before the senate. war which would entail the lives of hunwith the wreckers for the disinfection of dreds of thousands of our people."

partment, and it brought the usual num- the throne of grace that in this momenand clothing be shandoned and, if needed, siven to the acclimated poor, was aptugese minister came early and was fol- on the president and vice president of the proval was given to the suggestion that lowed by Mr. Du Bosc, the Spanish charge United States, both branches of congress d' aiffairs. His visit, aside from such and all the people of the country. He row without the change of a world wa and thrown everboard, it being left matters of routine business as usually prayed that the honor and dignity and to Captain Sigsbee's judgment to deter-mine how far this destriction should be ment on Thursday, was to ascertain if the At the conclusion of the morning busiofficials had any news from the wreck mate of cost of making a channel thorugh carried on. To the captain's inquiry as officials had any news from the wreck mate of cost of making a channel thorough to the saving of old metal and parts of ot the Maine that could properly be comthe superstructure, the answer was given municated to him. In this request he was Texas, was adopted N. J. Crook, register of the Guthrie land that such material was of no use to the disappointed, because there have been no As they enclusion of the morning busibureau of equipment. It was left to telegraphic advices from Consul General ness the vice president laid before the sendepartment at Washington, although his Captain Signhee to say what of this shat- Lee of recent date, while the naval discommission does not expire until some tored material was worth saving. His patches all have been made public from which was faid over from yesterday. It

Secap of News.

was examined as to his personal experi- the senate ences at the time of the disaster to the Mr. Hansbrough, N. D., called up the Maine and that the testimony was taken bill extending the homestead laws nad the floating dock in the harbor, wrote a up hastily. letter to the court, but it is said, ddi not Mr. Hans

At the afternoon session the divers wear to proceed with the measure. testimony is taken from day to day. The Hansbrough consented not to press the No Sure About the Maine But Sure of ours expects to finish beer at once and bill until Mr. Spooenr (Wia.) had delivto sail on the Magrove for Key West, seed a speech on the Corbett case.

The wrecking tog Right Arm did not go bert to the senate. He said that as a north, as was expected yesterds. She is lawyer he felt that he himself had no In an interview Mr. Bryan decided to discould be made known, would end such now moured beside the poop of the wreck-, butter or better right to a seal in the cuse the present cross with Spain and will salve the smaller portions as senate that Mr. Corbett.

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House Votes War Money Without a Word Said.

SENATE QUIET ON CUBA

Mr. Allen's Investigation Resolution Withdrawn.

Washington, Feb. 24.-The house de voted itself strictly to business today and disposed of thirty additional pages of the sundry civil appropriation bill. The fact that the government is preparing for contingencies was recognized in the house today, when Chairman Cannon, who has bove list, new brigades are in process of been laboring to keep down appropriaformation which promise to swell the total tions, accepted without a word of promuch larger figures at an early day. test an amendment to increase the appropriation to care for the unused machinery at the Springfield arsenal.

Mr. Gillette explained that necessity for using this machinery might occur at any time. Resolutions which were objected to a few weeks ago for the appointment of two extra naval cadets to positions in the engineer corps of the navy were also adopted. One of them will fill a vacancy caused by the death of Lieuten-

ant Merritt of the Maine.

The item in the bill placing at the disposal of the quarantine service the government's unexpended epidemic funds, amounting now to \$340,000, created considerable debate. Several southern members desired the appropriation of an additional \$200,000, arguing that In the event of a recurrence of the yellow fever epidemic the funds on hand might not be sufficient. The southern members, however, were not s unit in demanding the increased appropriation. Mr. Balley (Dem., Tex.) for instance, opposed government control of quarantine, declaring that quarantine regulations should be left to the states. Mr. Underwood (Dem., Ala.) also opposed exlusive control by the federal government, he establishment of such regulations having been advocated by Mr. Carmack An amendment by Mr. Sayers (Dem.,

Tex.) to increase the fund at the disposal of the quarantine service \$290,000 was lost. The following provise was ruled out on a point of order raised by Chairman Lacey of the public lands committee, that it was new legislation:

"That hereafter no public moneys shall be expended for the survey of any portion of the public domain embraced within any forest reserves of the United States, except for such surveys as may be necessary to designate the exterior boundaries of such reserves and of such lands within Crete expressing deep symputhy over the said reserves as may be embraced within or covered by legal claims initiated prior to the date of the proclamation of the

Mr. Smith (Dem., A. T.) offered an amendment appropriating \$5,000 for the geological survey of Yuma county, Arizona, but it was ruled out on a point

On motion of Mr. De Vries (Dem., Cal.)

The senate bill to prohibit the passage of

At 5:15 p. m., the house adjourned. Is Quietly Withdrawn and There is no Cuban Debate.

Washington, Feb. 24.-A feature of the senate's session today was the speech of Mr. Spooner (Wis.) on the right of Henry W. Corbett to a seat in the senate from nor. Mr. Spooner made a constitutional Referring to the rumors of treachery in and had not concluded when the senate

An effort was made to obtain consideration of the Alaskan homestead and railor written utterance, adds a spark to in- way right of way bill, but on a parliaflame public sentiment at this juncture is mentary technicality it went over. The demanded and the senate adjourned at chong is large discuss to move the regiment as guilty as the man who would touch a resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Allen 1:25 p. m., by a vote of 17 to 16. meat, in stead of unguarded talk, wholly was withdrawn by its author when it was

Washington, Feb. 2t-At the opening of This was diplomatic day at the state de-

provides for the appoinment of five sena-READY TO MOVE TO KEY WEST of affairs in Cubs with a view to bringing Court of Inquiry is Giving Out no the war to a peaceful end. Mr. Allen said that being satisfied from the vote on his Harans. Fell. 14.—The court of inquiry amendment yesterday that the fate of held its usun, sussions today. Captain this resolution was quite sented, he would Sampson reperts that Chaplain Chidwick withdraw it from further consideration of

if the captain of a British bark in teh providing for right of way for railroads

ed the year and nays. It was decided 46-9. After a brief desultory discussion Mr.

ered a speech on the Corbett case.

Topeks, Knn., Feb. 21.—William J. Bry-Mr. Spooner made a legal argument in an addressed 60 Democrate at a hanquet

state was in the legislature of the state. thinks reorganization will be but in the reading of the constitution it before December or January.

The Wichita Daily Engle. NO WAR TALK

Weather For Wichita Today: Fair; warmer; variable winds Sun-Rises, 6:39; Sets 5:47 Moon .- Sets 11:21

IMPORTANT NEWS OF TODAY 1. Oklahoma Demo-Pop on Fusion No Maine Secrets Told Yet Money Talks on Cuba Now

2. McKinley's War Words Quoted Colored Farmers' Convention Student Volunteers Convention

Preparations For War

3. Grain Weakens With Stocks Stock Market's Sharp Decline

5, Classified Assessment Plan Wins Athletic Contest in Auditorium

6, City and County to Go to War Autonomy Begs to be Accepted

S. News of the Farm News of the Labor World Topics of Domestic Circle

ought to be remembered that this very matter was one of dispute in the constitutional convention. He pointed out that the constitution provided that each state should be the peer of every other state not in population, not in wealth, not in area, but in the number of its senate. While the constitution could not be ameded by the action of two-thirds of the tates, it was expressly provided that no ture could be denrived of representation n the senate without its consent. It was he purpose, undoubtedly, of the framers of the constitution, in placing in the governor the power to make temporary appointment, to safeguard the rights and interests of the state, so that every state at representation in the senate.

An effective point was made by Mr. pooner when he decided the credentials appointed to the senate on March II, 1798. by the governor of Virginia. This casethe first gubernatorial appointment made to the senate under the constitution, Mr. Spooner said, was precisely similar to that now under consideration, as Mr. Walker's credentials showed that the legislature of Virginia had had opportunity o fill the vacancy then existing and had falled to do so.

The senate accepted Mr. Walker's credestinis and seated him.
"Can it reasonably be held," exclaimed

Mr. Spooner, "that the distinguished men sitting in the senate knew less of constinational law than we know now? Just before the conclusion for the day

of Mr. Spooner's remarks, Mr. Bacon (Go.) inquired whether, under all circumstances, in cases of anticipatory vacancy, the senator from Wisconsin (Spooner) held that

orractly stated his position. Mr. Hacon then cited the hypothetical case of the leg- passenger rates. istature being influenced by the corrupt use of money not to elect in order that the ow might make an appointment, and asked Mr. Spooner if he would seal the large military post at this place, was the pointee of the governor.

"Certain!," replied Mr. Spooner, "unless the present the order sending light batin the conspiracy and in the corrupt use tice. The battery, consisting of

od ranway right of way hill. Mr. Wilson (Wash.) said vehemently:

possible interest and importance to the Port Sam Houston, stated that no reas The senate was about to proceed with

ARTILLERY FORCE INCREASE House Sub-Committee Approves the

Senate Measure Entire. the artillery force of the country by two Florids within a night. It is said claimed regiments as provided for in the senace committee at the regular meeting tomor-

NO FEDERAL LAW VIOLATED State Law Nothing to do With the Sauta Fe Boycott.

Topeka, Kan, Feb. 24-Judge John A. Williams to the United States circuit court today refused to grant a tempo- many of the officers are aranging their peks & Santa Fe railway as a member by believe they will be called upon to do of the Southwestern Traffic bureau to an General Merritt was seen tonight, and prevent it from beyontting the Kansse saked if his serival in the city was an Car. Pitriburg and Gulf rallway. He indication of transdicts action on the part eral law violated, and declared that the state law had nothing whatever to do to inspect such past in my division every

JOINT TRAFFIC CASE Arguments are Begun in the Nu-

harbor and the superintendent of the West Indian Oil works, across the bay at Regla, both of whom witnessed the explosion. Mr. Rolf, the British engineer of it was a subject too important to be taken Traffic association as formed to the set all troops. The mon are daily undergoing Mr. Hansbrough then moved that the saids and decared null and void and to

BRYAN IN TOPEKA

the "Paramount Issue"

Mr. Spooner made a regal argument in favor of the admission of Henry W. Cor-bert to the senate. He said that as a seried that the money power is to be the paramount lease in the next compaign. Mr. Bryan goes to Hoton tomorrow,

War Preparations Proceed in Grim Silence

IN NAVY YARD AND FORT

Dogs of War Are Being Got Ready to Bite.

"DEATH TO THE SPANISH"

Sentiment is Thunderously Applauded at a Cuban Meeting in New York.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 34.-In response to orders from the secretary of the navy, Major Buckland, who commands the naval battalion of Connecticut, left for Washington tonight. The order received read as follows:

"Commander Buckland of the Wyandotte will report to the navy department at Washington on Friday."

Although nothing definite as to the import of Mr. Buckland's summons to Washington is known, it is thought that he is to receive instructions about getting his men ready for service at short notice, if necessity arises.

A VETERAN SUMMONED. Tacoma, Wash, Feb. 24-Commander

Congreve, at Boston, wired to Portland lust night to John Dennis, into acting signal quartermaster on the Montgomery, to report at Boston as soon as peast all times might have full and complete Mr. Daniels had just finished a swenty years service and was at Portland, on a vacation. Mr. Dennis is of the opinion that an internal explosion on the Maine, of John Walker of Virgina, who who was with the present system of discipline, was RECRUITING AT NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 24.—Francis M. Bunce, commandant of the navy yard here, today received from Washington his o on as year admiral. His official rank up to today was that of commo-

Recruiting was continued today on the receiving ship Vermont. Up to date only forty-five men had been accepted. About 1,500 would-be volunteers had visited the Vermont since the recruiting began last

ABOUT RIVER BOATS.

Cincinnati. O., Feb. 24.-Wharfmaxter Robert Schmidt received a telegram from the war department at Washington today as to the packets and tow boats arriving and leaving this harbor. The message asks that the names of all loats enthe governor had a right to make an ap- tering and leaving be forwarded, together with the names of the companies to which billty for any reason of the legislature said boats belong. They also ask for the amount of the tonnage and number of Mr. Spooner repied that Mr. Bacon had passengers each bont will be able to carry; the rates for freight, and also

AT FORT SAM HOUSTON. San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 24 - The sense-

t could be clearly shown to the senate tery K. First artillery, into the mountains that the appoints was himself implicated on its annual thirty days turget prac-Mr. Hansbrough then endeswored to get Captain Edionhack, were to have started before the Senate the Alaskan homestead | for the artiflery target range in the mountains on March I, but last night in-"There is no more important hill on the turp at the fort until further unters. Cui-

thousands of people in our nothwestern | some were given for detaining the battery at the post ACTIVITY AT M PHERSON. he bill, when Mr. Hawlins (Stah) made Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26 - Activity has never been so great at Fort McPherson as reliped the lack of a quorum, and Mr. at the present time. The stir is attribute Radwlins moved to adjourn. Division was ranks to General Merritt's arrival. Everyto any point that may be designated with-

In a few hours.

At accomplished today between Colones Cook, commandant of the fort, and the railrand officials, (Front Cook was assur-Washington, Feb. 26.—The increase of all that the men could be transported to Cook tild the railross men to have care in the gards for use at any hour.

Names provided in boths hard to keep descripting this and may reports to the effect that the regiment is about to move be preparations plainly signify that it not an ordinary overtoning of the propery and effects of the post.

General Merritt will go to the fort for BIOGRAM STATE BY STAT SESSENT The Process. increased during the last few days, and

rear, and I have sime here merely as a part of my routine work. It is not a war-

Harr government as a CINCINNATI RECRUITS Cincianuti, Only, Fig. N.-Under for

Washington, Feb. 2s.—The supreme Cochesn, commandant of Fort Thomas, court of the United States today began Ky, today tested entere beinging the most fullgue drill and expect to go to add anything material to what was bill be taken up and Mr. Rawlins demand- have the association enjoined from operat. West, instead of Charleston, S. C., as reported. The first regiment of the Obig. nutional guard, forsted bers, is filling up with recruits. Beveral unautherized recruiting stations for volunteers have b spened in this city, and their enruliment

> DEATH TO THE SPANISH. New York, Feb. 28.—The Cubans of this ity hold a mass mosting at Chickering Hall tonight, to relebrate the third on-mixturery of the outbreak of the revaluto some authorate of dery cratery. During an address by Broom Storiges June will be impossible out, "Dearb to the Spanish," and the su-